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Army Declares No Significant Impact for Makua Training

The United States Army, Hawaii has completed a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment for its proposed return to routine training at Makua Military Reservation. This EA supplements the 1985 Environmental Assessment for Company Combined Arms Assault Course, Makua Military Reservation.

Under the proposal, the Army would resume training at the Company Combined Arms Assault Course at MMR, but at reduced levels. The proposed action is a modified training regimen incorporating many safeguards including the implementation of a comprehensive Wildland Fire Management Plan, currently implemented stabilization measures protecting endangered species, cultural resources preservation measures, and land rehabilitation and awareness projects under the Integrated Training Area Management Program.

The Supplemental Environmental Assessment evaluated the effects of the proposed action on land use, soils and geology, vegetation and wildlife, cultural resources, air quality, noise environment, transportation, socioeconomics, environmental justice, and cumulative impacts. Upon completion of the environmental analysis, the SEA concluded that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment. The Army has therefore prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact for the resumption of routine training.

Copies of the SEA and FONSI are available for public review at the Waianae Public Library, Pearl City Regional Library, Hawaii State Library (Main Branch) and on the web at www.25idl.army.mil/Makua.

Deadline for receiving public comments on the SEA and FONSI is June 14, 2001. See page 6.

Draft Environmental Assessment for Waimea Falls Park

Attractions Hawai'i proposes to obtain after the fact approval for structures and activities as well as construct new structures and initiate new recreational activities within the existing Waimea Falls Park outdoor recreational attraction.

Waimea Valley encompasses an area of 1800 acres and extend inland from Kamehameha Highway approximately 3.5 miles. The outdoor recreational development in the park was established in the mid 1970's.

Ongoing and proposed activities include the following: kayaking, mountain biking, all terrain vehicles, paint gut target

shooting, camping, horseback riding and possibly in the future cabin camping.

Existing and proposed structures include the following: signs, various kiosks and booths, storage sheds, shipping containers used mainly for storage, trailers serving a variety of uses, animal and bird enclosures, rain shelters, stage and show areas, jungle trek maze, and camp sites. Structures will generally be concentrated in the lower portion of the valley. The master plan shows a "future restaurant site". For more information see page 7 or call the EA consultant Donald Clegg at 536-5695.

Definitions Your guide to the Environmental Review Process

Draft Environmental Assessment

A project or action that may affect the environment cannot be implemented until an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared in accordance with HRS §343. If the lead government agency anticipates that the project will have no significant environmental impact, then a Draft EA is written and public notice is published in this bulletin. The public has 30 days to comment on the Draft EA from the date of the first notice.

Final Environmental Assessment and FONSI (Negative Declaration)

If, after the lead agency reviews the public comments, it feels that the project will have no significant effect on the environment, then it will prepare a Final EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) formerly called a *Negative Declaration*. The Final EA must respond to all public comments. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required and the project may now be implemented. The public has 30 days from the first notice of a FONSI in this Bulletin to sue in court to require the preparation of an EIS.

EIS Prep Notice

If the lead agency decides that a project may have a significant environmental impact, it must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to implementing the project. The first step in preparing an EIS is publishing an EIS Preparation Notice (Prep Notice) in this Bulletin. Agencies, groups or individuals have 30 days from the first publication of an EIS Prep Notice to request to become a consulted party and to make written comments regarding the environmental effects of the proposed action. The draft EIS must respond to these comments.

Draft EIS

If a project is likely to have a significant environmental impact, the lead agency or private applicant must prepare a

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prior to project implementation. This document must completely disclose the likely impacts of a project. Secondary and cumulative impacts must be discussed along with measures proposed to mitigate them. The public has 45 days from the first publication date in this Bulletin to comment on a Draft EIS.

Final EIS

After considering public comments filed during the Draft EIS stage, the agency or applicant must prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). The Final EIS must respond to all comments from the draft stage. If deeper analysis was required, it must be included in this document. If the project is from a private applicant, the lead agency is authorized to accept the FEIS. If the project is public, the Governor or Mayor is the accepting authority. Only after the EIS is accepted, may the project be implemented.

EIS Acceptance Notice

If the accepting authority accepts a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a separate EIS Acceptance Notice will be published in this Bulletin. The public has 60 days from the date of first notice of acceptance to sue in court to challenge the acceptance of an EIS.

NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the law that requires federal projects to prepare an EIS. It is similar to Hawaii's law. Some projects require both a state and federal EIS and the public comment procedure should be coordinated. Although not required by law, the OEQC publishes NEPA notices in this Bulletin to help keep the public informed of important actions.

Special Management Area Permits

The Special Management Area (SMA) is along the coastlines of all our islands. Most development in this area requires a Special Management Permit (SMP). The Counties regulate development

of this area. On Oahu, the County law requires an EA be prepared to accompany a permit application. This Bulletin posts notice of these SMP applications to encourage public input.

Shoreline Certifications

State law requires that Hawaii shorelines be surveyed and certified when necessary to clearly establish the regulatory building setback (usually 40 feet inland from the shoreline). The public may participate in the process to help assure accurate regulatory boundaries. Private land owners often petition to have their shoreline certified prior to construction. This Bulletin publishes notice of both shoreline certification applications and of final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Council

The Environmental Council is a fifteen-member citizen board appointed by the Governor to advise the State on environmental concerns. The council makes the rules that govern the Environmental Impact Statement process. The agendas of their regular meetings are published in this Bulletin and the public is invited to attend.

Exemption Lists

Government agencies must keep a list describing the minor activities they regularly perform that are declared exempt from the environmental review process. These lists are reviewed and approved by the Environmental Council. This Bulletin will publish an agency's draft exemption list for public comment prior to Council decision making.

Conservation District Permits

Use of land in the State Conservation District requires a Conservation District Use Application (CDUA). These applications are reviewed and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). Members of the public may intervene in the permit process. Notice of these permit applications is published in this Bulletin.

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Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)



(1) Kalo Place Mini Park

District: Honolulu

TMK: 2-8-24: parcel 35

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Design and Construction

650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Gregory Hee (527-6977)

Approving Agency/Accepting
Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Townscape, Inc.

900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1160

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Mary O'Leary (536-6999)

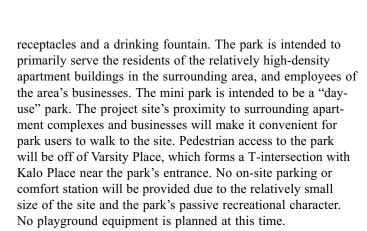
Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Permits

Required: Grading, building, misc ministerial

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Design and Construction proposes to develop a "Kalo Place Mini Park" for the purpose of providing a passive recreational area and open space. The project site is a one-acre vacant parcel located on Varsity Place in the Moiliili area of Honolulu along the makai-side of the H-1 Freeway and mauka of the business district fronting King Street and University Avenue. The Hawaiian Humane Society is located along the project site's Diamond Head property boundary. The project property is perhaps most commonly known as the former site of GASCO's two large steel spheres that contained natural gas. The City is in the process of acquiring the site from Kamehameha Schools.

The proposed mini park will be landscaped with shade trees and grass-covered mounds grouped along a meandering concrete walkway that will loop through the site. The mini park will have picnic tables scattered throughout, trash



The effects of the project are primarily related to short-term construction-related impacts. These will be mitigated through compliance with applicable State and County regulations regarding noise and fugitive dust. The project will require County approval of construction plans, issuance of building and grading permits, and other ministerial permits. Construction of the project is estimated to take approximately six to eight months, which is projected to begin in 2002.

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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



(2) Granting of U.S. Navy Easements and License for Salt Lake Widening Project from Lawehana Street to Reeves Street (FONSI)

District: Honolulu **TMK**: 9-901:8

Applicant: Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (N465)

517 Russell Avenue, Suite 110 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-4884 Contact: Stanley Uehara (474-5920)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Commander-in-Chief

U.S. Pacific Fleet (N465) 250 Makalapa Drive

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3131 Contact: Karen Verkennes (474-7045)

Consultant: Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.

250 North Beretania Street, Suite 300

Honolulu, Hawaii 96817-4716

Contact: Sheldon Yamasato (536-7721)

Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508) implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed granting of U.S. Navy easements and license to the City and County of Honolulu for the widening of Salt Lake Boulevard from Lawehana Street to Reeves Street.

The proposed action grants: (1) Easements to the City for (a) Construction and maintenance of storm water detention basins, (b) Drainage of surface water runoff through Navy drainage systems, (c) Installation and maintenance of landscaping and slopes along Salt Lake Boulevard, (d) Construction and maintenance of roadway improvements to accommodate additional turn lanes within Salt Lake Boulevard; and (2) a License to the City to allow for the relocation of Navy utility lines within the project area.

Potential environmental impacts of the proposed action associated with land use, water resources, earth resources, air quality, biological environment, cultural and historic resources, scenic and visual resources, natural and man-made hazards, noise, infrastructure and utilities, transportation and traffic, utilities and pipelines, socioeconomic, and public services were analyzed. Based on this analysis, the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts.

Based on information gathered during preparation of the EA, the Department of the Navy finds that implementation of the proposed action would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human or natural environment or generate significant controversy.

The FONSI and EA addressing this proposed action may be obtained from: Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3134 (Attention: Mr. Stanley Uehara, PLN231) telephone (808) 474-5920. A limited number of copies of the EA are available to fill single-copy requests.



(3) Salt Lake Boulevard Widening, Phase 2, Bougainville Drive to Reeves Street (FONSI)

District: Honolulu

TMK: 1-1-10 and 9-9-02

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Design and Construction 650 South King Street, 15th Floor

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Jeremy Lee (523-4672)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-306

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Abraham Wong (541-2700)

Consultant: Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.

3049 Ualena Street, Suite 500 Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Tionolulu, Hawaii 90019

Contact: Sheldon Yamasato (536-7721)

Permits

Required: NPDES

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The proposed project involves widening approximately 0.70 miles of Salt Lake Boulevard from Bougainville Drive to Reeves Street from a two-lane roadway facility to a multi-lane highway facility within the existing 100-foot wide right-of-way. The purpose of the proposed action is to complete that portion of the existing roadway to its planned function, as specified in the 2020 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan. Dedicated left turn lanes, bike lane, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lighting, landscaping and an improved drainage system would also be provided.

Short term impacts to air, noise and traffic are expected during construction activities. In addition, the improved roadway is anticipated to increase traffic noise levels in the area for the long-term. As a result, noise mitigation measures will be implemented to sensitive receptor areas along Salt Lake Boulevard. In the long-term, the widened roadway would improve traffic flow and the aesthetic quality in the project area.



(4) Routine Training at Makua Military Reservation (MMR) and PFC Pilila'au Range Complex (Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact)

District: Waianae

Applicant: 25th Infantry Division (Light) and

U.S. Army, Hawaii

Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857-5013 Contact: Peter Yuh, Jr. (656-2878, ext.

1051)

Comment Period

End Date: June 14, 2001

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Copies of the SEA and FNSI will be available for public review at the Waianae Public Library, Pearl City Regional Library, Hawaii State Library (Main Branch) and on the web at www.25idl.army.mil/Makua.

Deadline for receiving public comments on the SEA and FNSI is June 14, 2001. Comments should be sent to:

Peter Yuh, Jr.
NEPA Coordinator
Directorate of Public Works
U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii
Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5013

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

★ Kihara Kosan Seawall/Fencing Structures

Applicant: Kihara Kosan Company, Ltd.

2222 Kalakaua Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96815 Contact: 922-3800

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Planning and Permitting

650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Pamela Davis (523-4807)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 7, 2001

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★ TGN Hawaii Cable System (Revised)

Applicant: Tycom Networks (US) Inc.

Patriots Plaza, Building A 60 Columbia Turnpike Morristown, NJ 07960

Contact: Gerald Lynch (973-656-8610)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Planning and Permitting

650 S. King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Dana Teramoto (523-4648)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 7, 2001

📤 Waimea Falls Park

Applicant: Attractions Hawaii

1600 Kapiolani Boulevard, Ste. 1630

Honolulu, Hawaii 96814 Contact: Ray Green (638-6700)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Planning and Permitting 650 South King Street, 7th Floor

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Ardis Shaw-Kim (527-5349)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 7, 2001

Draft Environmental Impact Statements

📤 Kaunala Residential Subdivision

Applicant: Kaunala Beach Estates, LLC (formerly

known as Commercial Investment Hawaii,

LLC

43 Ahui Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Mrs. Randolyn Grobe (523-0955)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Planning and Permitting

650 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Contact: Jeff Lee (527-6274)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 22, 2001

Final Environmental Impact Statements

♠ West Mamala Bay Facilities Plan

Applicant: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Design and Construction 650 South King Street, 14th Floor

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Contact: Bill Liu (523-4551)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Status:

Authority: City and County of Honolulu

Department of Planning and Permitting

650 South King Street, 7th Floor

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Randall Fujiki (523-4432)

FEIS currently being reviewed by the City and County of Honolulu, Department of

Planning and Permitting.



Maui Notices

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Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Ukumehame Firing Range Management Plan

District: Lahaina TMK: 4-8-02

Applicant: Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG)

HIENG, Department of Defense 3949 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816-4495

Contact: Melissa Dumaran (733-4268)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Consultant: Pacific Environmental and Information

Technologies, LLC P.O. Box 161256 Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Contact: Chris Welch/Andrew Tomlinson

(864-8567)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 22, 2001

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.

Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits SMA, CDUP, CWRM well, CZM consis-

Required: tency, Sec. 7, Sec. 106 consultation

HIARNG proposes to improve the existing environmental conditions on its portion of the Ukumehame Firing Range by implementing a Conservation and Landscape Management Master Plan (CLMMP) in three phases. The plan is designed to incrementally enhance the existing wetland and native vegetation, improve water bird habitat, reduce soil erosion, and improve overall facility land management. This plan is intended to provide a basis for natural resource management, and does not involve any engineering changes to the physical character of the site. No structures are proposed for development as part of the project. Development of a well is included in the plan to support landscape irrigation.





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(2) Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility Modifications

District: Wailuku **TMK**: 3-8-01:188

Applicant: County of Maui, Department of Public

Works and Waste Management

200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Contact: Dave Taylor (270-7417)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Consultant: Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.

305 High Street

Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Contact: Michael Munekiyo (244-2015)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 22, 2001

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.

Address comments to the applicant with copies to the consultant and OEQC.

Permits

Required: SMA, CDUP, construction permits

Maui Notices

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The County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Waste Management proposes modifications to the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRF) that are intended to improve process reliability and mitigate the potential impacts of tsunami inundation. No increase in capacity is proposed. The proposed modifications include:

- 1. Bar screens and dewatering facilities will be replaced with new equipment.
- 2. A new flexible aeration basin will be constructed, and the aeration basins will be modified. Aeration piping will be replaced, and the blowers will be relocated to a new blower building.
- 3. New sludge pumps and grinders will be installed in the garage/maintenance shop building, and related connections will be provided. A new dewatering control room will be constructed in the operations building.
- 4. The chlorine building will be modified to include an oxidation-reduction potential system.
- 5. Electrical and instrument control systems improvements will parallel the WWRF modifications. A new power feed and metering connection, and a new standby generator will be provided in the new blower building.
- 6. The new dewatering control room in the operations building, and the blowers and the main electrical equipment in the new blower building will be elevated above the 100-year tsunami wave height.
- 7. Additional improvements include a new transformer pad, a new above-ground diesel storage tank, and a new sewage bypass line.

The project will be phased and sequenced to minimize disruptions to WWRF operations. The estimated project cost is \$9.8 million; construction is anticipated to commence in early 2002.

Final Environmental Assessments/ (FONSI)



(3) Kanaloa Avenue Improvements

District: Wailuku

TMK: 3-8-7 and 25
Applicant: County of Maui

Department of Public Works & Waste

Management Highways Division 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Contact: Lloyd Lee (270-7745)

Approving Agency/Accepting
Authority: Same as above.
Consultant: Chris Hart & Partners

1955 Main Street, Suite 200

Wailuku HI 96793

Contact: Rory Frampton (242-1955)

Status: FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.

Permits SMA, Grading, County ROW, Flood
Required: Hazard Area Development, Driveways

The majority of Kanaloa is a four-lane travel way, however the northern 1600 feet of the roadway (between Mikohu Loop and Kahului Beach Road) is a two-lane roadway without improvements.

The Maui County Department of Public Work and Waste Management is proposing improvements to the 2-lane section including:

- * Resurfacing the existing pavement, to create two travel lanes and a striped median.
- * Widening the existing pavement to include bike lanes and on-street parking.
 - * Installing concrete curb, gutters, and sidewalks.
 - * Installing four speed tables at crosswalks.
 - * Replace the existing drainage system.

The proposed drainage improvements will intercept runoff from onsite and offsite areas via inlet structures and curb inlet catch basins. Drain lines will convey stormwater to sump areas near Kahului Beach Road, which will serve as detention and desilting basins.

Construction-related impacts to noise will be mitigated by adherence to Department of Health rules on noise control and limiting construction to standard working hours. Construction-related impacts to air and water quality will be mitigated by utilizing best management practices such as limiting disturbed areas, quickly covering or landscaping bare areas and using water for dust control. Impacts to potential sub-surface archeological or historical resources will be mitigated via archaeological monitoring during construction. No substantial impacts are anticipated.

Maui Notices

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Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

Central Maui Landfill Expansion & Related Improvements Entrance Facility

Applicant: County of Maui

Department of Public Works & Waste

Management

200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Contact: Elaine Baker (270-7872)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: Same as above.

Public Comment

Deadline: June 7, 2001

Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notices (EISPN)

🐿 East Maui Water Development Plan

Applicant: County of Maui

Department of Water Supply 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Contact: David Craddick (270-7816)

Approving Agency/Accepting Authority: County of Maui

Board of Water Supply 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Contact: David Craddick (270-7816)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 7, 2001

Upcountry Town Center

Applicant: Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 187

Kahului, Hawaii 96732

Contact: Warren Suzuki (877-3882);

Robert McNatt (877-3874)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: County of Maui

Planning Department 250 S. High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Contact: Colleen Suyama (270-7735)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 7, 2001



Lanai Notices

May 23, 2001

Draft Environmental Assessments



(1) Kaumalapau Harbor Breakwater Repair

District: Lanai TMK: 4-9-03-26

Applicant: State Department of Transportation

Harbors Division 79 S. Nimitz Highway Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Fred Pascua (587-1888)

and

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu Engineer District

Building 230

Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440 Contact: Jim Hatashima (438-2264)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: State Department of Transportation

Harbors Division 79 S. Nimitz Highway Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: Fred Pascua (587-1888)

Consultant: Sea Engineering, Inc.

Makai Research Pier

41-202 Kalanianaole Highway Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795

Contact: Scott Sullivan (259-7966)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 22, 2001

Status: DEA First Notice pending public comment.

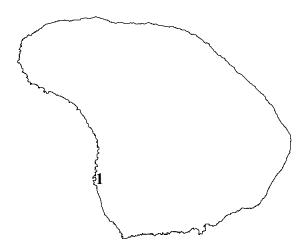
Address comments to the applicants with copies to the consultant and OEQC. This is

a joint Federal-State project.

Permits

Required: WQC

The U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, in partnership with the State of Hawaii, is planning to modify and repair the existing breakwater at Kaumalapau Harbor, Island of Lanai, Hawaii. This repair project will rebuild the badly damaged and deteriorated existing breakwater to provide safe berthing conditions at the existing wharf for cargo and fuel delivery to the island. The breakwater will be rebuilt on the



footprint of the old rubblemound structure and will utilize the existing structure for the core of the new breakwater. Core-Loc concrete armor units will be used to provide a stable armor layer capable of withstanding the design storm waves. The new breakwater will have a total length of 320 feet and a crest elevation of +14.5 feet above mean lower low water (MLLW). The existing rubblemound structure will be reshaped to form the core of the breakwater, over which will be placed an underlayer of 3- to 4-ton stone, followed by 35-ton of Core-Loc concrete armor units. The breakwater crest and top row of Core-Loc units will be stabilized by a concrete rib cap. The new armor units will extend to a depth of 45 feet on the ocean side and 20 feet on the harbor side. The total construction cost is estimated between \$10 million and \$15 million.

The project site is not a wetland, special aquatic site, marine sanctuary or wildlife refuge. Coral cover on the existing breakwater will be destroyed by the project, however the new breakwater will consist of materials similar to the existing breakwater and coral is expected to recolonize on the new structure. Endangered species coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service concluded that the proposed project would not effect endangered or protected species or their critical habitat, nor would the project effect an identified Essential Fish Habitat. The project will not affect archaeological or cultural resources in the project area. Concurrence with the Corps "no effect" determination has been obtained from the State Historic Preservation Office. The project will be undertaken in a manner consistent to the fullest extent practicable with the State Coastal Zone Management Program.

Comments on this Draft Environmental Assessment should be provided by June 22, 2001.



Hawaii Notices

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Final Environmental Assessments/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSI)



(1) Klein's Petition for Reclassification of Land from Conservation to Urban

District: Puna TMK: 1-5-09:39

Applicant: Harrison J. & Sharene Z. Klein, Trustees

under the Klein Living Trust dated Septem-

ber 17, 1999

c/o Carlsmith Ball, LLP 121 Waianuenue Avenue Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Contact: Steven Lim, Esq. (935-6644)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Land Use Commission

P.O. Box 2359

Honolulu, Hawaii 96804-2359 Contact: Anthony Ching (587-3822)

Consultant: Carlsmith Ball, LLP

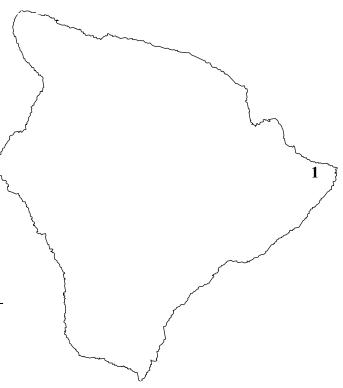
121 Waianuenue Avenue Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Contact: Steven Lim, Esq. (935-6644)

Status:FEA/FONSI issued, project may proceed.PermitsLUC Boundard Amendment, SMA exemp-

Required: tion for proposed agricultural uses

Petitioners Harrison J. and Sharene Z. Klein, Trustees under the Klein Living Trust dated September 17, 1999, seek to amend the State Land Use District Boundaries to reclassify the approximately 2.621-acre oceanfront property situate at Keonepoko Iki, District of Puna, from the Conservation District into the Urban District. The Petitioners originally sought to amend the State Land Use District Boundaries from the Conservation District to the Agricultural District. The Petitioners propose improvements to the existing single-family residential dwelling and related improvements, to including without limitation, an interior stairway, and the cultivation of ti-leaf plans, coconut trees and palms and recommence a commercial farming operation. Existing improvements on the Property consist of a split-level single-



family residential dwelling, enclosed garage/storage unit, atgrade lap pool, cesspool, and extensive landscaping. The Property is located makai of the Government Beach Road, and its southern boundary abuts the Waiakahiula 1st ahupua'a, and Welea Street, a dead-end street within the Hawaiian Beaches Subdivision. The Project Area is located within the State Land Use Conservation District, Resource (R) Subzone, is zoned Agricultural one-acre (A-1a) by the Hawaii County Zoning Code, and is within the County of Hawaii Special Management Area which runs makai of and along the Government Beach Road.

Previously Published Projects Pending Public Comments

Draft Environmental Assessments

► Kaupulehu Roadway and Water System Expansion

Applicant: PIA - Kona Limited Partnership

P.O. Box 803,

Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

Contact: Roger Harris (881-9500)

Hawaii Notices

May 23, 2001

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources

1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Contact: Eric Hill (587-0380)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 7, 2001

Piha Kahuku Organic Farm

Applicant: G.B. Hajim

P.O. Box 373

Hakalau, Hawaii 96710

Contact: Karen Akiba (963-5482)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Department of Land and Natural Resources

P.O. Box 621

Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Contact: Masa Alkire (587-0385)

Public Comment

Deadline: June 7, 2001

Final Environmental Impact Statements

▶ Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area

Expansion

Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources

State Parks Division

P.O. Box 621

Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Contact: Daniel Quinn (587-0290)

Approving Agency/Accepting

Authority: Governor, State of Hawaii

c/o Office of Environmental Quality Control

235 S. Beretania Street, Suite 702

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Status: FEIS currently under review by OEQC.



Conservation District Notices

Departmental Permits

Persons interested in commenting on the following Conservation District Use Application (Departmental Permit) must submit comments to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Also, anyone interested in receiving notification of determinations on Conservation District Use Applications (Departmental Permits) must submit requests to DLNR that include the following information:

- 1) Name and address of the requestor;
- 2) The departmental permit for which the requestor would like to receive notice of determination; and
- 3) The date the notice was initially published in the Environmental Notice.

Both comments and requests for notification of determinations must be submitted to DLNR within thirty days from the initial date that the notice was published in the Environmental Notice.

Please send comments and requests to: State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. DLNR will make every effort to notify those interested in the subject CDUA, it is not obligated to notify any person not strictly complying with the above requirements. For more information, please contact Masa Alkire at 587-0385.



Underground Fuel Storage Tank Removal at Mauna Kea

File No.: CDUA HA-3034D

Applicant: UH Facilities Planning and Mgm't Office

Location: Mauna Kea Summit, Hawaii

TMK: (3) 4-4-15:09

Action: Excavation and Removal of Tank

343, HRS

determination: Exempt

Applicant's

Contact: Charles Schuster (808) 591-8553

Beach Nourishment Notices

May 23, 2001



Application for Beach Nourishment Fronting the Kana'i A Nalu Apartment Complex, Ma'alaea, Maui

Location: Beach Fronting the Kana'i A Nalu

Apartment Complex, Ma'alaea, Maui

Applicant: Kana'i a Nalu Association of Apartment

Owners

250 Hau'oli Street

Ma'alaea, Maui, Hawaii 96793

File No.: Beach-MA-01-3 (Cat II)

Ref.: CDUP ST-3000

The loss of Hawaii's sandy beaches is a major social, economic, and environmental problem. Studies show that hardening the shoreline where there is chronic coastal erosion causes beach narrowing and beach loss. Researchers found that nearly 25 percent, or 17 miles of sandy beaches on the island of Oahu have been lost or severely narrowed over the past 70 years due to shoreline armoring on retreating shorelines. Similar losses have occurred on the island of Maui, and to a lesser degree, on Kauai and Hawaii.

In January of 1996, DLNR, Land Division initiated development of a strategic plan to address coastal erosion within a framework of beach protection, something that had never been attempted before in this State. These efforts resulted in the development of the Hawaii Coastal Erosion Management Plan (COEMAP) adopted in August 1999 by the BLNR and the establishment of the Coastal Lands Program.

One of the plan's major recommendations is to promote beach nourishment and restoration as a viable alternative to shoreline armoring (i.e., the practice of building hard shoreline structures to stop land loss/shoreline retreat). Unfortunately, this customary practice has caused the accelerated loss of Hawaii's beaches. When a hard structure is present, beach loss can occur for two primary reasons: 1) the shoreline structure refocus wave and current action on the sandy beach, causing it to erode rather than retreat landward, and 2) these structures cut-off the supply of sand to the beach resulting in beach deflation or starvation.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources recently approved a Statewide Conservation District Use Application for Small Scale Beach Nourishment Projects in Hawaii. This was done to support the establishment of a State Program General Permit (SPGP) issued to the DLNR by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Implementation of a statewide CDUP and Corps SPGP will streamline the permitting process for small-scale beach nourishment projects and consolidate permitting of these projects within one agency, the DLNR. This would provide an incentive for shore owner groups to seriously consider this practice as an alternative to shoreline armoring. Use of small-scale beach nourishment in Hawaii could reduce the incidence of shoreline armoring and enhance public beaches with minimal negative environmental consequences.

The proposed project would qualify as a Category II Permit under the Statewide CDUP and proposed SPGP. The project involves the placement of between 1,000 and 1,500 cubic yards of sand on the beach fronting the Kana'i a Nalu Apartments. Sand would be obtained from the Maui Lani dune quarry. It is expected that nourishment operations would take place over a 4-6 day period.

In conformance with Title 11, Chapter 200(8), of the Administrative Rules, a Programmatic Draft Environmental Assessment was published in the Environmental Notice for the proposed use under State Wide Conservation District use Application (ST-3000), on March 8, 2000. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division issued a Finding of no Significant Impact to the Environment (FONSI) on May 18, 2000. The FONSI was published in the June 8, 2000 Environmental Notice.

It was the intent of the programmatic EA to include small-scale beach nourishment projects such as the one proposed at Kana'i a Nalu.

Contact Sam Lemmo of our Coastal Lands Program at 587-0381, should you have any questions on this matter.

Alien Species Permits

May 23, 2001

Transfer of Male Orangutan

Before most alien organisms can be brought into Hawaii they must receive a permit from the Board of agriculture. The application is first reviewed by experts in biology and heard in a public meeting of the Committee on Plants and Animals. To learn more about these permit applications, interested parties are encouraged to contact: Plant Quarantine Branch, Hawaii Department of Agriculture, 701 Ilalo St., Honolulu, HI 96813, Ph. 586-0846.

The following import applications are now being reviewed by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Title: Request to (1) Allow the Transfer of a Male Orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus) from the Honolulu Zoo to the

Orangutan Foundation International (Hilo, Hawaii) to Provide for an Animal Sanctuary, Education and Research Center; (2) Establish Permit Conditions for the Transfer of a Male Orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus) from the Honolulu Zoo to the Orangutan Foundation International (Hilo, Hawaii); and (3) Establish Permit Conditions for the Importation of Orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus) by the Orangutan Foundation International (Hilo, Hawaii) to Provide for an Animal Sanctuary, Education and Research Center.

Purpose: To provide a permanent residence for a male orangutan at an orangutan sanctuary operated by the Orangutan Foundation International, which is located adjacent to the Panaewa Rainforest Zoo, Hilo, HI.

Shoreline Notices

Shoreline Certification Applications

Pursuant to § 13 -222-12, HAR the following shoreline certification applications are available for inspection at the DLNR District Land Offices on Kauai, Hawaii and Maui and at Room 220, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, Oahu (Tel: 587-0414). All comments shall be submitted in writing to the State Land Surveyor, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 210, Honolulu, HI 96813 and postmarked no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the public notice of the application.

Case No.	Date	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key
OA-826	5/7/01	Lot 603 as shown on Map 23 of Land Court Application 242, land situated at Pauuloa, Ewa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 91-761 Oneula Place, Ewa Beach Purpose: Improvements Jaime F. Alimboyoguen, for Hieoji and Katherine Taki		9-1-25: 05
OA-827	5/8/01	Portion of Queen Surf Promenade at Kapiolani Park, Waikiki, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii - Governor Executive Order 3082, 3779, 2438, 1689, 1817 & 1438 to City and County of Honolulu		3-1-30: 1-5 & 3-1-31: 4- 6
		Address: 2709, 2745, 2727 and 2777 Kalakaua Avenue Purpose: Improvements		
OA-828	5/11/01	Lot 324 as shown on Map 48 of Land Court Application 616, land situated at Kailua, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii	Wesley T. Tengan, for Kenneth T. Olds, Jr. etal	4-3-4: 76
		Address: 1318 Mokulua Drive Purpose: Calculate building potential		
OA-169-2	5/11/01	Lot B-1 of Land Court Application 743 and portion of Reclaimed Land of Kaneohe, land situated at Mahinui, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 44-627 Kaneohe Bay Drive Robert K. Sing, for Barbara C. Wong, Trust		4-4-14: 01
		Purpose: Constructing new residence		
OA-304-2	242, land situated at Puuloa, Ewa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Lilli		Wesley T. Tengan, for Lillian F. Shiraki,	9-1-07: 78
			Revocable Trust	

Shoreline Notices

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Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to §13-222-26, HAR the following shorelines have been certified or rejected by the DLNR. A person may appeal a certification or rejection to the BLNR, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, HI 96813, by requesting in writing a contested case hearing no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of public notice of certification or rejection.

Case No.	Date	Location	Applicant	Tax Map Key	
OA-815	5/8/01 Certified	Lot 1119, Land Court Application 677, Map 255, land situated at Kailua, Koolaupoko, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 72 and 72-A South Kalaheo Ave. Purpose: Building Permit	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, for Dean Schmaltz	4-3-13:03	
HA-241	5/8/01 Certified	The whole of Grant 1997 to Kauwe, land situated at Paoo 2-6, North Kahala, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii Address: Not assigned Purpose: County and State Permits	Wes Thomas Associates, for Jonathan Cohen	5-7-01:05	
OA-817	5/8/01 Certified	Lot 10 Land Court Application 1052, as shown on Map 79, land situated at Makaha, Waianae, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 84-501 Farrington Highway, Waianae Purpose: Fence Permit ControlPoint Surveying, Inc., for Anthony and Ann Guerrero			
OA-821	5/8/01 Certified	Lot 1-A-19 Land Court Application 1089, as shown on Map 40, land situated at Kamananui, Waialua, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 67-287 Kahaone Street, Waialua Purposes: File Claim for Accretion			
OA-134-2	5/8/01 Certified	Portion of R. P. 5667, Land Commission Award 5931 to Pehu, land situated at Waikiki, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: 3061 Kalakaua Avenue, Waikiki Purpose: Establish Shoreline		3-1-33:02	
HA-244	5/8/01 Certified	Lot 4 of Puako Beach Lots (HTS Plat 414-A), being the whole of Land Patent Grant 13554 to Albert Antone Guerrero and Charlotte Jackson Guerrero, land situated at Lalamilo, Waimea, South Kohala, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii Address: 69-1968 Puako Beach Road, Waimea Purpose: Building Permit Wes Thomas Associates, for Breckinridge L. Wilcox, Trustee the Henderson Wilcox Family		6-9-06:04	
HA-242	5/8/01 Certified	Royal Patent 7844, Land Commission Award 7715, Apana 12 to Lota Kamehameha and Royal Patent 3680, land Commission Award 55-61-D, Apana 2 to Kauihana, land situated at Keauhou 2 nd , North Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii Address: Not assigned Purpose: <u>Building Permit</u>	Wes Thomas Associates, for Kamehameha Investment Corporation	7-8-10: 65 & 66	
HA-170-2	5/8/01 Certified	Lot 11 of the Keawaiki Beach Lot Extension being a portion of Mahele Award No. 32, Royal Patent 4513 to Kanele, land situated at Kahauloa 2 nd , South Kona, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii Address: 83-566 Keawaiki Road Purpose: Building Permit		8-3-5: 18	
OA-243-2	5/8/01 Certified	Lot 7993-A, as shown on map 794 of Land Court Application 1069, land situated at Honouliuli, Ewa, Island of Oahu, Hawaii Address: Next to Barber's Point Lighthouse, Campbell Industrial Park, Kapolei Purpose: Subdivision approval	ControlPoint Surveying, Inc., for Trustees under the Will and Estate of James Campbell	9-1-26: 04	

Coastal Zone News

May 23, 2001

Federal Consistency Reviews

The Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program has received the following federal actions to review for consistency with the CZM objectives and policies in Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This public notice is being provided in accordance with section 306(d)(14) of the National Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. For general information about CZM federal consistency please call John Nakagawa with the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2878. For neighboring islands use the following toll free numbers: Lanai & Molokai: 486-4644 x7-2878, Kauai: 2743141 x7-2878, Maui: 984-2400 x7-2878 or Hawaii: 974-4000 x7-2878.

For specific information or questions about an action listed below please contact the CZM staff person identified for each action. Federally mandated deadlines require that comments be received by the date specified for each CZM consistency review and can be mailed to:

David W. Blane, Director Office of Planning

Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

P.O. Box 2359

Honolulu, Hawaii 96804

Or fax comments to the Hawaii CZM Program at 587-2899.

♠ (1) Aircraft Apron Safety and Security Lighting Project

Federal Action: Negative Determination **Federal Agency**: Department of the Navy

Contact: Cory Waki, 471-9338

Location: Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH)

Kaneohe Bay, Oahu

CZM Contact: Debra Tom, 587-2840

Proposed Action:

The Navy is proposing to install perimeter safety and security lights at the P-3 Orion aircraft apron within MCBH Kaneohe Bay. The project will involve installation of 11 60-foot galvanized steel floodlight poles, to adequately illuminate the aircraft apron. The proposed apron lighting system, designed to provide an average illumination of 1-foot candles, will be directed downward toward the apron and outfitted with a system of internal louvers and/or external hoods. The Navy filed a CZM federal consistency negative determination stating that the activity will not affect the coastal zone outside of federally controlled areas and therefore, is not subject to review by the Hawaii CZM Program.

♠ (2) Housing Replacement Program at Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Federal Action: Negative Determination
Federal Agency: Department of the Navy

Contact: Cory Waki, 471-9338

Location: Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH)

Kaneohe Bay, Oahu

CZM Contact: Debra Tom, 587-2840

Proposed Action:

The Navy is proposes to replace approximately 1,612 existing family housing units at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH Kaneohe Bay). The 293-acre project is intended to span a 10-year period, with completion targeted for 2011. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide on-base housing of suitable quality for military personnel and their dependents. The Navy filed a CZM federal consistency negative determination stating that the activity will not affect the coastal zone outside of federally controlled areas and therefore, is not subject to review by the Hawaii CZM Program.

(3) Proposed Reissuance of General Permit for Maintenance Clearing of Rivers, Streams, Storm Drains, and Beach Areas in the State of Hawaii (GP2001-04)

Federal Action: Federal Permit - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

General Permit

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Contact: William Lennan, 438-6986

CZM Contact: John Nakagawa, 587-2878

Proposed Action:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to reissue the general permit for maintenance clearing of rivers, streams, storm drains, and beach areas in the State of Hawaii for use by the general public, groups and public agencies. The existing general permit expired on March 10, 2001 and the reissued general permit would be in effect for five years from its approval. Restrictions on permit applicability, limitations of work, and general and special conditions are proposed to prevent adverse impacts from projects potentially authorized under the general permit.

Comments Due: June 6, 2001

MACZMAG and Subcommittees

Non-Government Members Subcommittee

<u>Date</u>: Friday, May 25, 2001 <u>Time</u>: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: 235 South Beretania Street, Room 204

CZM Contact: Susan Feeney, 587-2880

Marine and Coastal Zone Management Advisory Group

<u>Date</u>: Friday, May 25, 2001 <u>Time</u>: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Location: 235 South Beretania Street, Room 204

CZM Contact: Susan Feeney, 587-2880

Pollution Control Permits

May 23, 2001

Department of Health Permit

The following is a list of some pollution control permits currently being reviewed by the State Department of Health. For more information about any of the listed permits, please contact the appropriate branch or office of the Environmental Management Division at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu.

Branch Permit Type	Applicant & Permit Number	Project Location	Pertinent Date	Proposed Use
Clean Air Branch 586-4200, Noncovered Source Permit	West Hawaii Concrete NSP 0434-01-N (Amendment)	5039D Queen Kaahumanu Highway, TMK: 7-4-08: 13, Kona, Hawaii	Issued: 5/1/01	150 cy/hr Concrete Batch Plant
Clean Air Branch Temporary Covered Source Permit	Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. CSP 0219-01-CT (Amendment)	Various Locations Statewide Initial Location: 100 Kaupulehu Drive, Kaupulehu, Kona, Hawaii	Issued: 5/3/01	Two (2) 357 TPH Portable Stone Quarrying and Processing Plants with Diesel Engine Generators
Clean Air Branch 586- 4200 Temporary Covered Source Permit	Grace Pacific Corporation CSP 0040-01-CT (Amendment)	Various Locations Statewide. Initial Location: Camp 10, Ameron Quarry, Puunene, Maui	Issued: 5/7/01	186 TPH Drum-Mix Asphalt Concrete Plant with Recycle kit; 1.25 MMBtu/Hr Hot Oil Heater; and Diesel Engine Generator
Clean Air Branch Noncovered Source Permit	Tesoro Hawaii Corporation NSP 0496-01-N	1.5 Miles Off the Coast of Campbell Industrial Park, Oahu	Issued: 5/8/01	Single Point Mooring Marine Terminal
Clean Water Branch, 586-4309, Water Quality Certification	State DOT #01-CW-WQC-02	Kahului Harbor, Maui	Comments Due: 6/4/01	Extension to Pier 1C
Clean Water Branch, 586-4309, Water Quality Certification	Department of Navy #01-CW-WQC-01	Pearl Harbor, Oahu	Comments Due: 6/6/01	Repair W harves A7 and S374

Federal Notices

Permit for whale takes

National Marine Fisheries Service has issued a permit to Thomas F. Norris, Science Applications International Corp., 3990 Old Town Avenue, Suite 105A, San Diego, California 92110, to take gray (Eschrichtius robustus), minke (Balaenoptera acutorostrata), and Bryde's (Balaenoptera edeni) whales for purposes of scientific research. The requested permit has been issued for these three non-endangered species of whale. The request for a permit related to the three endangered species of whale (blue, fin, and humpback) is deferred pending receipt of a report of the effects of the tags on the non-endangered species. Comments may be addressed to: Protected Species Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 973-2935; fax (808) 973-2941. [Federal Register, 5/10/01, Page 23884]

EPA comments on fishery management plan

EPA reviewed the following FEIS and found that the document adequately addresses the issues raised in its comment letter on the DEIS: Environmental Review Process (ERP) No. F-NOA-K91008-00, Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, Fishery Management Plan, To Analyze Longline Fisheries, Commercial Troll and Recreational Troll Fisheries, Commercial Pelagic Handliner and Commercial Pole and Line Skipjack Fishery, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. EPA comments prepared pursuant to the ERP, under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the NEPA are available. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. [Federal Register, 5/11/01, Page 24136]

Letters of Notice

May 23, 2001

OEQC prints "Letters of Notice" to encourage public participation in our EIS system. Your views are welcome. We may edit letters due to limited space. The opinions presented do not necessarily reflect those of OEQC.

The following letter was received from William C. Moore of "West Waikiki" on Hilton Hawaiian Village's Waikikian Development Plan:

" ... The overload of West Waikiki is bad enough even without Hilton's new tower. West Waikiki has largely been ignored by the big push to improve Waikiki yet, the ½ mile circle measured from ground zero, the corner of Ala Moana Blvd. and Hobron Lane, probably has the dubious distinction of being the most densely populated real estate in Waikiki. Over the past 40 years, neither the City nor the State has done anything to relieve the congestion except to allow the density to build. The result has been a mini Hong Kong.

I doubt the Governor or the Mayor [has] ever walked this neighborhood. Sections of Ala Moana, such as the front door of the Prince [Hotel] are nice but choke points are easy to see. In some areas sidewalks narrow down to three feet. In one spot a narrow sidewalk with a telephone planted in the middle shares a space with a major bus stop. Naturally, the hundreds of pedestrians walking to and from the shopping center can't get by, [and] not surprisingly, they step into the street to pass while traffic whizzes by.

Hobron Lane has become a parking lot for tour buses, trolleys, harbor traffic and frustrated drivers thinking they can detour the gridlock on Ala Moana. I don't blame the tour companies, they have to make a living and they have to be where the action is.

... None of our elected representatives over 35 years [has] displayed any interest in relieving what has become a visibly over burden[ed] and unsafe public mess within West Waikiki. All the money has drifted towards the other end of Waikiki[;] why would the politicians think the people who live here would be pleased with a 400 unit timeshare?

The Hilton plan appears to pass the cost of their traffic problem to the tax payer rather than to themselves. Into this mess steps Hilton with its plan to add yet another

400 units (even before the effects of the [Kalia] Tower about to be open are felt). Hilton makes it easy to be cynical about its public relations efforts now in high gear. That is because Hilton's traffic solution for the new 35 story Tower is to dump its traffic into the narrow lane [Dewey Lane] between the Hilton and the Ilikai. A driver entering this lane has two choices: To head for Hobron Lane or to turn toward Ala Moana Blvd. The points where Hilton obliges its drivers to enter these busy ways have long, well earned reputations as traffic choke points, but what makes it easy to be cynical about ... is that Hilton could, if it desired, bring the new Tower traffic out to Kalia Road where it would merge with less traffic volume. That kind of solution, however, is probably more costly to the Hilton because it would probably need to widen the roads within the Hawaiian Village property. Perhaps they ask, "Why make an expensive traffic problem for our stockholders when we have the City and our neighbors to pay for it in terms of more traffic congestion, more gasoline for no good purpose, and more disappointed tourists and residents alike at how Waikiki has developed.

The new Tower places neighboring property (tax) values at risk. ... the proposed Hilton Tower ... is so massive and so tall that it threatens the neighboring property values. There is nothing architecturally distinctive about Hilton's Tower, it is just a huge piece of concrete. Now, I believe no one [is] guaranteed a good view in life. But City planners must be aware that property values can just as easily vaporize as well [as] be added when you insert an architectural oddball into a neighborhood. Only the market will tell, but my guess is that the new Hilton Tower will diminish property values at Discovery Bay and other buildings on the Mauka side of Ala Moana Blvd. simply because the power "will take" whatever present or prospective property owners think is attractive in the West Waikiki living environment, and that "taking" will translate into lower property values and tax revenues. Our City government needs to decide who should win this battle: The tax paying West Waikiki residents whose property values are at risk or Hilton's stockholders? "

